



**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of LaCrosse, Inc.
La Crosse, WI**

Project Title	Worksavers IDA Program
Contact Information	Wendy Kelly 128 South 6th Street La Crosse, WI 54601 (608) 782-0710
AFI Grant Amount	\$150,000
Nonfederal Support	\$150,000
Project Period	September 2001 – September 2006
Highlights	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of LaCrosse, Inc. is offering 100 IDAs for homeownership, post-secondary education, and microenterprise. The program was built upon a prior program, funded by Community Reinvestment funds, that was similar to AFI in offering of financial literacy training and credit counseling to TANF clients. The match rate is \$2 to \$1, up to \$1,000 in participant savings over 24 months. In addition to core training, participants can access childcare, crisis management, structured planning exercises, mentoring, credit repair, and specialized financial education. Catholic Charities also provides rental assistance and employment support to participants.
Target Population	LaCrosse, Wisconsin.
Grantee/Collaborative Description	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of LaCrosse, Inc. has provided consumer credit counseling since 1988. Partner agencies in this project include Workforce Connections, which offers workforce training to assist with Marshall & Isley Bank is holding the reserve account and, along with Coulee State Bank, is also holding participant IDAs. Nonfederal matching funds come from such sources as Catholic Charities and a community foundation for operating expenses not covered by AFI.